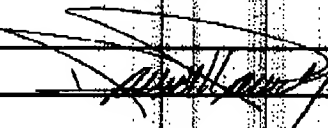


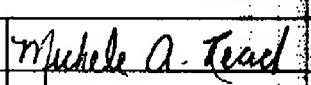
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Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed December 27, 2004, but have not received notification that all of the references submitted to the examiner have been considered. Applicants respectfully request the examiner to indicate for the record consideration of the information furnished therein by initializing Document Number WO 97/00980 and to return a copy of the initialized Form 1449 to applicants.

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This request is being made upon the following facts. On September 20, 2001, applicants mailed an Information Disclosure Statement to the Office. The Office received this Information Disclosure Statement on September 25, 2001, as indicated by the U.S. Patent Office date stamp on the Form 1449 attached in Appendix A to this paper. Inasmuch as the Information Disclosure Statement was filed prior to the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits, the certification made at the time was proper.

The absence of the initialed document on the PTO Form 1449 is believed to be an oversight as this reference was submitted in a conforming manner, was not crossed off to indicate that it was not in conformance and not considered, and was not mentioned in subsequent Office actions or in the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as not being in conformance and not having been considered. The examiner respectfully is requested to initial document WO 97/00980 for the record.


Copies of the relevant sheets of the Information Disclosure Statement as filed, including the reference, are enclosed as Appendix B for the examiner's convenience and to avoid any confusion.

The examiner respectfully is requested to telephone the undersigned if there is any question about the Request.

Respectfully submitted,
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